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AMENDMENT

In response to the action mailed July 24, 2002 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 46 as follows:

--46. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an ink jet printing module comprising:
contacting a first component of an ink jet printing module having a surface with a thermoplastic bonding component;
contacting a second component of the ink jet printing module including a orifice plate having a surface with the thermoplastic bonding component; and
adhering a peelable protector strip over the orifice plate.--

Please add new claims 47 to 49.

-- 47.(New) The method of claim 1 wherein the patterned thermoplastic bonding component includes a plurality of openings.--

--48. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the patterned thermoplastic bonding component includes a plurality of openings.--

--49. (New) The ink jet module of claim 29 wherein the patterned thermoplastic bonding component includes a plurality of openings.--

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